

To the Inhabitants of the

Gentlemen:--The recent division of the County of Ontario, at this juncture, new consideration, we take the liberty of addressing you thereon, in the manner more commensurate to the permanent interests of the

Among these duties the providing of location, are the most prominent; as without due attention to the County, the saving of expense and time, cannot be adequately advantageous site for the new County Buildings, is one on which consequence of the natural selfishness of man, and the tendency of

It is, then, for the purpose of bri consideration of this question, that we now address you. We v relative value of the claims which have been advanced by differen induce us to prefer the one to the other. The places, which have to the new County Buildings, are, Oshawa, Whitby Village, Princ

Among these, Oshawa and Whitby V size and business character: yet being sitnated on the Kingst greatest possible distance within the limits of the new County, fr possessing a single advantage over Brooklin, either in business public accommodation, their claims cannot certainly be preferred which, should it become a County Town, would save from twelve inhabitants of the back townships, on every public process, and on a

We will now turn to the claims of and endeavour to lay before you our opinions on their pretensions. a geographical centre than any of the others already mentione Ontario; about thirty from the South Western border of Pickeri become flourishing;—Yet, from the newness of the country around power, they cannot, for a long time to come, emerge from their prese accommodation for a County Town. In addition to these conside the new Coounty Buildings, great injustice would be done to the in have to travel from twenty-five to thirty miles to attend their pu miles, as at present, to Toronto, where most of their other business

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sion of the County of York having imposed
s juncture, new duties and responsibilities, which require their serious
thereon, in the hope that we may be instrumental to their discharge
interests of the new County and the welfare of its Inhabitants.

viding of the County Buildings and their
attention to them, the only rational object, of the division of the old
be adequately attained. Yet the question of the most proper and
one on which there is likely to be great diversity of opinion, in
the tendency of interest to darken otherwise clear and lucid judgments.

se of bringing your minds to the candid
s you. We will, then, briefly lay before you our opinion on the
ced by different localities, and next present to you the reasons which
s, which have manifested an ambition for the honor of giving a site
Village, Prince Albert, Manchester, and Brooklin.

Whitby Village stand prominent, for their
on the Kingston road, about four miles apart, and nearly at the
ew County, from its Northern extremity, without either of them
er in business capacity, water power, or the means of affording
y be preferred before those of a place which is more central, and
ve from twelve to sixteen miles of travel and milage thereon, to the
ocess, and on all kinds of public business.

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eir pretensions. Both of these places are a nearer approximation to
ady mentioned. They are each about eighteen miles from Lake
der of Pickering, and in a neighbourhood which may at some day
ountry around them, the state of the roads, and the absence of water
from their present condition of small villages, or furnish the necessary
o these considerations, should either of them be selected as a site for
e done to the inhabitants of a large portion of Pickering, who would
attend their public business only; instead of from fifteen to twenty
r other business is now done.

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Again, when we look at the greater and of business, in the Townships of Whitby and Pickering, comprised of that of the entire new County, it is not to be expected that the is dragged back to a geographical centre, for the purpose of attending the greatest multitude has become a political aphorism, and is generally and the division of the old County of York must also become an either Manchester or Prince Albert should be selected ;—a conclusion

With respect to the Inhabitants of the County, they would still have cause to complain, on account of the some satisfaction to find themselves only half their former distance. Again, they have only to look at the map of the new County, and themselves that it is in a great measure unavoidable. In fact the the population becomes increased in these townships and their residence County of Ontario must take place. The four front townships Darlington and Cartwright, must, at no distant day, constitute a co importance, in selecting a site for the County Buildings, to look for manner which shall be satisfactory, whenever it shall take place.

In order to accomplish this object, and at the same time do justice to the County of Ontario generally, we have come to the conclusion, that the claims of Brooklin to be established, and to be preferred, before those of any other place.

In adopting this conclusion, we would respectfully represent, that from Oshawa ; eleven from the South East corner of Whitby , from fifteen to twenty from the Darlington, Cartwright, and Uxbridge, and seventeen from that of Reach. To one half of Bowmanville, and a saving of thirty miles of travel, in all public business.

Its locality, on the great Northern Road to Lakes Scugog and Whitby Village, while its proximity to extensive water power, and to the contemplated accommodation necessary for a County Town, and the capacity for becoming a place of extensive four Saw Mills, a Cloth Manufactory, Tannery, Foundry, Merchants, Mechanics, Tradesmen town ;—and while its past progress has been rapid beyond example in Canada, its future prospective Northern Townships would arise from the saving of from twelve to sixteen miles of travel a

For the above reasons, we would respectfully recommend the

We remain, Gentlemen, &c., &c.

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ckering, comprising, in each of these respects, more than two-thirds
cted that the inhabitants of these townships would be satisfied to be
ose of attending their public business. The greatest good to the
nd is generally correct. Yet it must be in violation of this maxim,
o become an evil instead of a good to the two front townships, if
;—a conclusion not to be entertained.

nts of the Northern Townships of the new
account of their distance from the County Town,—yet it would be
rmer distance from it, before the division of the old county of York.
w County, and to compare its length with its breadth, to convince
In fact the present arrangement is but temporary, and as soon as
and their resources adequately developed, another division of the
nt townships and Scugog Island, with or without the addition of
constitute a county by themselves,—and it now becomes an object of
ngs, to look forward to that ulterior arrangement, and to do so in a
take place.

me time do justice to the just expectations of the inhabitants of the
laims of Brooklin to the honor of the County Town of the new County of Ontario are better

ly represent, that Brooklin is eight miles from Lake Ontario; eight
en to twenty from the most distant corner of Pickering; about the same distance from that of
ch. To one half of Darlington and the whole of Cartwright, it would be as easy of access as

kes Scugog and Simcoe, is equally as advantageous as that of
o the contemplated Rail Road, render it much superior. Already it possesses all the
ming a place of extensive business. In its vicinity, there are four valuable Flouring Mills,
mechanics, Tradesmen; and every thing necessary to constitute a growing and flourishing
ada, its future prospects are not less brilliant. Yet its strongest claim to the preferences of the
en miles of travel and milage thereon, in all litigation and public business.

Recommend the claims of Brooklin to your favourable consideration.

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